

Animals Activities for Thursday

On the Move

Sea Animal Rescue

A scoop and transfer activity. Transfer animals from “dirty” water to a clean environment.

Materials:

- 2 plastic bins of any size
- One large cooking spoon
- Potting soil, small pieces of ripped paper, glitter, or any other material to “dirty” your water.
- Ocean animals, plastic blocks, small plastic balls, sponges cut into smaller pieces, or bath toys.

Instructions:

1. Fill both plastic containers with water
2. Add your “dirt” material to only one container.
3. Add your ocean animals to the dirty water container.
4. Instruct your child to rescue the animals from the dirty water by scooping them from the dirty water to the clean water.

Adventures Online

Sea Animals Adventure

Today we will learn about Sea Animals as we explore their natural habitats through web cams and virtual tours. During the cam view and tours “Comment on what they’re doing and looking at”.

Encourage predictions with “I wonder” comments. “I wonder what will happen/see next” “I wonder what __ is about to do”

Georgia Aquarium’s Ocean Voyager webcam: <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>

A virtual tour of the National Aquarium: <http://samuraivirtualtours.com/example/nadc/index.html>

Seattle Aquarium has a 30-minute video tour

:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY8_n13tKM&feature=youtu.be

Sensory Time

Animal Hide and Seek

Hide toy animals in a plastic bin filled with shredded paper or grass. Use tongs to find the animals! Fosters object permanence and small muscles in hands. Using tongs will help prepare them to use scissors.

Materials:

- Bin
- Plastic animals
- Shredded or torn paper, grass, straw or any other thing that will cover the toys
- Small Tongs

Instructions:

Place plastic animals in the bin and cover with shredded or torn paper. let toddler use tongs to search and remove animals from the bin.

Story Time

Write a Story About Animals

Have your child look at pictures of animals and draw what they see. Ask about features of animals. Once they create their picture, ask them to tell you about what they drew, and write a story about their picture.

Arts and Creativity

Ocean Crayon Resist

What animals live in the ocean? Your child will draw ocean animals, and then add the essential ingredient-water!

Materials:

- Crayons
- Paper
- Watercolors or Food Coloring.
- Spray bottle(s), or paint brush, or eye dropper

Directions:

1. Talk about what animals live in the water? Fish!
2. Have your child draw fish on their paper with crayons.
3. Fish live in the water, so time for them to get wet! Have your child paint with watercolors over their fish, use an eye dropper, or spray colored water onto their fish to make the water in their drawing.